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SUBJ: MIFERGUI MEETING

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1. DESK OFFICER SPOKE WITH PAUL GLASER, US STEEL, FEB 25 CONCERNING USS'S LATEST THINKING ABOUT MIFERGUI. GLASER DOUBTS FORMER B PARTNERS MIFERGUI WILL ATTEND ALGIERS MEETING MARCH 23. HE SAID MADRID SESSION HAD OFFERED SINGULAR OPPORTUNITY FOR US, BRITISH, AND ITALIAN COMPANIES TO EVIDENCE SOME CONTINUING INTEREST, BUT THAT FORMER PARTNERS CANNOT REGULARLY ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS OF COMPANY IN WHICH THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS.

2. GLASER SAID NIPPON STEEL AND JAPANESE INTERESTS ARE ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH USS, BRITISH STEEL, AND FINSIDER PRIOR TO ALGIERS MEETING TO DISCUSS LATEST JAPANESE TECHNICAL MISSION STUDY. GLASER CHARACTERIZED STUDY AS HASTY, SUPERFICIAL EFFORT. MAJOR STEEL COMPANIES NOT INTERESTED IN FINANCING FURTHER STUDIES UNTIL GOG GIVES THEM CLEAR CUT, FIRM, WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING. GLASER SAID JAPANESE WILL PROBABLY MEET WITH BRITISH AND ITALIANS IN PARIS

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DURING EARLY MARCH, AND WITH HIM SEPARATELY. GLASER

CHARACTERIZED FORMER B PARTNERS AS PRESENTLY EVEN MORE
DISCOURAGED THAN IN PAST ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUALLY
DOING BUSINESS WITH GOG ON MIFERGUI. CASEY

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